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IN RE:

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Examiner: Nicole M. Barreca

For: MICROFLUIDIC DEVICES AND MANUFACTURE THEREOF

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CUSTOMER NO. 27304

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Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed 01/20/04 for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A verified statement was already filed.

EXTENTION OF TERM

3. Applicant believes that no extension is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Certification under 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that on April 19, 2004 this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 with sufficient postage as first class mail.

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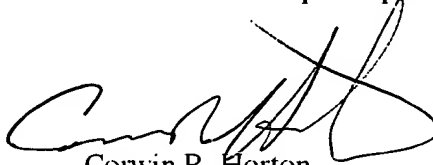
FEE PAYMENT

4. No fee payment is believed required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If any additional extension and/or claim fees are required please charge Account No. 08-2781.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED 01/20/04

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 01/20/04, please the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Abstract: At page 5 a shortened abstract is substituted for the original abstract.

Remarks/Arguments begins on page 6 of this paper.

At issue in this case are claims 1-10 as originally filed. The remaining claims, claims 11-22, are withdrawn. Reconsideration is requested of Claims 1-10 as originally filed based upon the Remarks/ Arguments beginning at following page 2 of this paper.